



Landrum Methodist Church

November 2024

The Lamplighter

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.”

Passing of the Peace: What is it, and why do we practice it during our worship on Sunday mornings?

These are great questions, and they do have answers (unlike some questions). Let's take a moment to reflect on the practice of Passing the Peace within the context of worship.

First of all, the term "Passing of the Peace" refers to a couple scriptures that give us the reason behind this ancient Christian tradition.

The first reason has to do with conflict within the church. You might say, "Wait a minute... there's no conflict within the church? Never have I heard such a thing!" If this is your reaction, please see me after church on Sunday—we'll say a special prayer over you and your unrealistic experience of church life!

In Matthew 5:23-24, we read about being reconciled with our brothers and sisters before going to the altar and offering our gifts. Christ knew that we would struggle in life and made a way for us to be reconciled to God, and in doing so, to each other. The local church has an opportunity to live in this reality and, in doing so, be an example to their neighbors of how to walk in peace with each other under the mercy of a benevolent God.

The next passage comes from John 14:27:

"Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Fear, worry, anxiety, depression—all these and more can overwhelm us. There is so much going on around us that it can flood our lives and distract us from walking in the radical peace of Christ. What a blessing it is to come to church, be encouraged by our brothers and sisters, and receive the peace of Christ within the fellowship of believers.

Christ, through the mercy of God, gives us a framework to live in the peace of God daily. We have the opportunity to live in reconciliation with each other and pass along the peace of Christ to one another. So next time we meet and practice this ancient tradition of Passing the Peace, know that the very peace of Christ reconciles our conflicts with God and each other AND calms the turbulence of fear in our lives.

Peace be with you!

Rev. Steven D Martinez

Draft: Administrative Council Meeting Sunday, October 13, 2024

Members Present: Rita Plumley, Martha Castro, Glenn and Carla Downey, Cheryl Barto, Wanda Manson, Joy Gardner, Ted Andrus, Cheryl and Bill Every, George Ashmore, Bonnie Inman, Wayne Hager, Steve Martinez, and Jody McPherson
Guests: Jeanne Godwin, Tommy Gardner

Glenn welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with scripture. George Ashmore moved to approve the September minutes and Ted Andrus seconded the motion and it passed.

The following members gave their reports:

Cheryl Every: Monthly givings are up.

Bill Every: PPRC will be meeting soon and going through the applications to interview for the position of church secretary.

Carla Downey: College students will receive a treat at the end of the month. Their next gift will be a box for exams.

Ted Andrus: Clean-up work from the hurricane was done or is in the process of being completed. New kitchen appliances were installed in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. There will be another workday. The Nominations committee will need to meet prior to charge conference, which is in November.

Bonnie Inman: She is open to suggestions about Sunday school. The prayer is for more families with children to begin coming to church.

Rita Plumley: All LUMC accounts have been closed and online givings are going to the new account. Designated givings are down, but that's good because everything is going to the general fund which will fund things like missions, etc.

Joy Gardner: Choir numbers are dwindling but should pick up. Handbells are preparing for playing in November.

Wayne Hager: The new order of worship with announcements at the beginning worked out well today. The Men's Ministry installed a donated chair lift at a member's house.

Cheryl Barto: She expressed her appreciation for the new appliances. The next Silver Spirits is November 13 and will be a Friendsgiving. There are open spaces on both the flower calendar and Munch and Mingle calendar. We will be participating in Landrum's Halloween Stroll on Oct. 26 and candy donations are needed.

Jody McPherson: Due to the hurricane, there will be no pumpkin patch this year. We will serve 51 backpack students at OP Earle in October and November. Over 40 boxes were given out after the hurricane. There was discussion about doing something like a Harvest Sale to go towards missions. It was decided that we'd see if we could have a bake sale at the Landrum Farmers Market. Wayne Hager moved to donate the balance in the Salkehatchie givings to the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project. Bonnie Inman seconded and the motion passed.

Pastor Steve: He expressed his appreciation with the overwhelming love and enthusiasm his family has experienced since being at the church and they love being here. He wants to attend the different committee meetings. If a church message needs to go out, he can now send out church emails and he plans to send out weekly communication.

Wayne closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Castro

Music Notes



The Trustees have approved the purchase of 120 new hymnals – “Our Great Redeemer’s Praise”, a hymnal for all God’s People. This hymnal is the suggested hymnal for use in Global Methodist Churches. It is the first major Wesleyan hymnal published in thirty years and it contains 675 hymns, including a rich treasury of hymns by Charles and John Wesley. The hymnals will be blue in color.

If you would like to purchase a hymnal “in honor of” and/or “in memory of” someone, please fill out the information below and place your order form(s) in the offering plate. Bookplates declaring the hymnal dedicated to the Glory of God and to the Landrum Methodist Church will be added to the inside of the hymnals including the name of the person or persons you wish to honor/memorialize and given by you. The cost of each hymnal is \$30.00.

Thank you!

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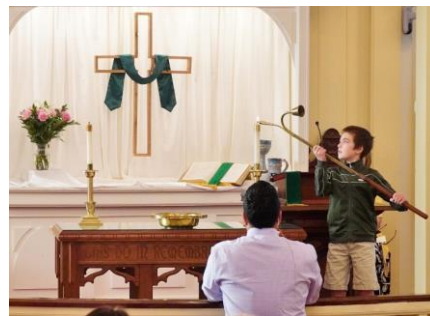
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**Views from
the pews**
Photos: Paul Forster



Altar Guild



All Saints Sunday will be recognized and celebrated at Landrum Methodist on Sunday, 11/03. In the Narthex, you will find the belled name tags on which may write the names of deceased friends and loved ones you would like to have celebrated and attach them to the ribbon streamers on the wrought iron stand. This will be used during the service on All Saints Sunday.

Please look at the flower chart in the Narthex, as we have a few open dates for November and December. If you would like to place flowers on the altar, Debby or I would be happy to assist! There are some lovely potted fall plants available that you might wish to place in church one Sunday, then take them home to enjoy! Thank you for helping us with this mission that adds so much to our lovely sanctuary.

Debby & Cheryl



Silver Spirits

Mark your calendars and join us on Wednesday, November 13 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall for a Friendsgiving luncheon! Let's come together and celebrate the wonderful bonds of friendship, both seasoned and new, we have established within our group! On the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall is a sign-up sheet for all attending to choose what they would like to contribute to the luncheon for all to enjoy! Meat dishes and drinks will be provided! Help us support our church "backpack ministry" by bringing a donation of individual fruit cups and/or Lance (or any similar type) cheese/peanut butter crackers! Thank you in advance for helping with this mission!

Trudy & Cheryl

Munch & Mingle

The fragrances that fill the Fellowship Hall on the first and third Sunday mornings are so enticing, and dare I say, almost hypnotic! Those, coupled with the perking coffee, are irresistible! This is evidenced by how well attended this after-church gathering has become!! We do have a couple of open spots on the sign-up chart located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for anyone interested in grabbing a partner or two and selecting a date.

You all know, it doesn't have to be fancy, gourmet food, but if you are desiring to try a new recipe, here's your chance!! All who have participated will tell you "it's fun", so, if you haven't yet, why not give it a try! Thank you in advance for making this much enjoyed mission a continued success!



Photos:
Paul Forster



The LUMC Minister and Congregation prays for those who need special prayer or have medical concerns.

We express our heartfelt Christian sympathy to those who have had loved ones pass away.

Please inform the church office of any names that need to be added or removed from the prayer list.

Remember these people in your prayers as well as our church, Pastor, Outreach, Missions, community, and our nation.

We pray for:

Evie -Nancy Surface's sister

Charlie Croft – Health concerns

Betsy Buree– Health concerns - Jody's friend

Sandra – Mother of Cheryl Barto's Daughter in law

Linda Perkin – More surgery needed on ankle

Marilyn – Wayne Hager's friend

Lisa Wofford – Health concerns

Phil & Harriet Goodrich

Tommy & Joy Gardner

Peace involving the election results

Our sympathies to:

Mary & Wayne Hager on passing of Mary's Mother

Betty Zeluff

Peggy McAllister on the passing of her husband Mike

Continued prayers for all affected by hurricanes

Helene and Milton

What's in a Name?

Glad you asked – I've got two key points for this month!

The Church.. Make sure your payments are made to Landrum Methodist Church (or LMC). Since July 1st this is our new name, and all payments must be made to this payee and not our old/former name.

You... when you put your tittle in the offering plate, please use an offering envelope (can be found in the back of the pews) and clearly write your name and the amount. When we count on Sundays, the checks go to the bank and the envelopes to go the financial secretary to record givings by person (the basis for your year-end contribution summary). If you don't fill out an envelope, the counters must do this for you and slows down the counting process.

Thanks!

Nancy B.

Finance Chair

Trunk or Treat Fun



Jody telling fortunes with M & Ms.



Pirates Bonnie & Lisa



Photos: Pete Block



Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Matthew Pace
- 4 Pete Block
- 6 Glenn Downey
Harriet Goodrich
- 15 Peggy McAlister
- 20 Christopher Downey
- 22 Chris Krebs
- 23 Michael Clark Sr.
- 28 John Carruth, IV
Danny Morgan

ANNIVERSARIES

- 08 Hans & Nicole Bengard
- 17 Larry & Michelle Fagan
- 25 Wayne & Mary Hager
- 28 Jay & Nancy Boatwright



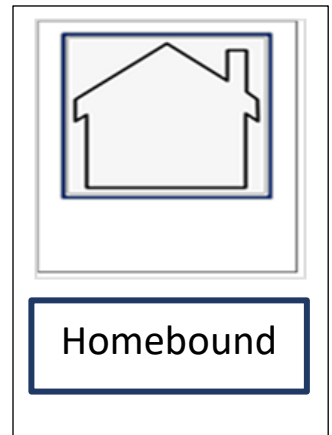
Maxine Finch
102 Corolla Court
Moore SC 29369

June Rhymer
810 E. Rutherford St
Landrum SC 29356

Joe Brown 109
Edgewood Avenue
Landrum SC 29356

Mary Williamson

Mrs. Wofford (Jaime's
Grandmother



Help replenish our Food Pantry

Due to increased demand our pantry shelf items are depleting, Therefore, the Missions team announces an ongoing project to stock The food pantry. Each month we will be focusing on several food items. In October we are asking for donations of boxed mac & cheese, canned Ravioli and chicken noodle soup.

Receptacles will be placed in the narthex for your items on Sunday Morning. Food also can be left on the porch of the office. If leaving it On the office porch, please contact Jody at 828-506-3379 or Cheryl at 864-541-1574, and they will pick it up from there. If you would prefer to help monetarily designate it Missions Food Pantry.



Help us to keep our friends and neighbors fed! Matthew 25:40

Being grateful for your plate full of blessings



It's the season to be thankful. People are talking about being thankful, expressing thankfulness and even posting them on social media.

The first Thanksgiving Day began with the Pilgrims. They still felt blessed despite all of their hardship, loss of loved ones and minimal food and supplies, choosing to celebrate and thanking God for his blessings even though there were few.

Thinking about the Pilgrims' unwavering thankfulness, I recalled Luke 17:11-19, where a man whose heart was focused on Jesus, not just focused on his blessings. Jesus had compassion, mercy and grace for ten lepers on the roadside, and healed each of them ... but only one returned to say thank you. One healed leper recognized that not only was his body healed, but also his soul and took the time to say thanks. He heard Jesus give him the greatest blessing of all, when He said in Luke 17:19, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

As I reviewed this passage, I had to ask myself if I thankful for what I have and what Jesus has done in my life, or am I negative about what I feel is missing. Is my faith was helping me have an attitude of true gratitude in my heart, like the Pilgrims and the healed leper?

I found a devotion that pointed out that being thankful does not mean we are full of thanks. When we say we are thankful we think of the things we are benefiting from and appreciate the blessings upon us. Being truly "thank-full" means we must look beyond our blessings to the One who has provided them. We need to know our gratitude for Christ and not just what He has given us or done for us.

When asked what I am thankful for I list - food, a home, clothes, family, friends, my health, etc. It probable resembles much of your list. All things that are blessings and reasons to be thankful and grateful.

Looking around at what Helene has left much of our nation in, especially in our area – how "thank-full" do we feel when life is hard for so many? Those who are out of work, lost homes, businesses, livelihood, and friends and family they loved. Others have had children stray, had marriages split up, struggle with infertility or received a challenging health diagnosis?

You may be undergoing a difficulty in life and feel that this is just not the year to feel thankful. But remember Thanksgiving isn't only about counting our blessings.

We will always have things we may not feel thankful for, but looking differently at thankfulness really is can help us feel "thank-full".

Let's pray for our hearts to be transformed as we focus not on just thanking God for our blessings but thanking Him for being the One who blesses us. Raise our attitude for gratitude and fill our Thanksgiving plates full of "thank-full".

May gratitude fill every heart around your Thanksgiving table.